MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2011

TO: Workers' Compensation System Participants

FROM: Jeff Carothers, Workers' Compensation Counsel Section Chief

RE: Informal Proposal: Proposed Revisions to the DWC Form-045, Request for a Benefit

Review Conference

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is accepting comments on informally proposed revisions to the DWC Form-045, *Request for a Benefit Review Conference (BRC)*. The proposed form revisions are necessary to conform the DWC Form-045 with formally proposed amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.2 and §141.3 regarding Canceling or Rescheduling a Benefit Review Conference and Failure to Attend a Benefit Review Conference, respectively.

The proposed revisions to the DWC Form-045 are not a formal proposal and comments received will not be responded to in accordance with the Texas Administrative Procedure Act. The proposed draft form is available for download from the TDI-DWC website at http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/proposedrules/index.html.

The TDI-DWC is accepting informal comments regarding the proposed revisions to DWC Form-045 until Monday, October 3, 2011 at 5 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST).

Informal comments may be submitted to the TDI-DWC by e-mailing informalrulecomments@tdi.state.tx.us or by mailing or delivering the comments to Maria Jimenez at:

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